

To Henry B. Wright.

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Dear Henry

I am in Cleveland
the very spot whence
you wrote me your
last letter - shall
lecture here Tuesday
wonder if I shall
cross you anywhere
in Ohio - I'm to be
in this State one week -
all the prophecies
of that letter have
come true - How
weak & shortsighted
these Washington leaders?
Seem to be. Did ever
any party throw away
such a superb chance?

That Sterney seems to fully understand the folly. But all we have to do is to keep the people alert & awake watchful to take advantage of every opportunity -

I'm glad you are coursed up & down & keeping up the agitation. So all I can say for now is true -

Our Festival was a great success - the old idea revived of having refreshments helped us amazingly - It melted folks together - We took just about as much money this year without Philadelphia help, as we took last ~~year~~ year with their aid - & then they add to their fair's

Effectly \$1000 - So we shall
come up to June '68 out of
debt - so far good -

What lamentable
piece of work our old
friends Susan & Parker
are making of it
in N.Y. I trust
they'll get out of the
fog soon -

Why don't you
send us a word now
& then to the Standard
Let us hear from you
terse clear brief notes
as you used to -

I am starting
for St Louis & St Paul
expect to return
by Mch 20 to Boston
You must plan
to be in N.Y. in
May - or in Boston

one or both - we shall
need all the wisdom
we can gather to keep
the helm right & to
strengthen all hearts -
So don't fail to be
there - New York if
possible -

Our Massachusetts
meeting was good -
Frothingham gave
us a grand speech - & Higginson
- made a good one, except
the praise of Grant. All
the old friends were there
but you - Abby seems
very frail but cheerful
& high spirited as ever -
Stephen sobered by her
illness cordially
Wm R. Phillips